

## Public Notice for Alamo Lake Mercury TMDL

The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ), in accordance with Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act, is in the process of developing Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) analyses for Alamo Lake in the Bill Williams Watershed. This TMDL analysis is being developed for mercury contamination in fish tissue.

A TMDL analysis defines the total amount of a particular constituent or pollutant which can be introduced to a water body without causing an exceedance of state surface water quality standards or United States Environmental Protection Agency's fish consumption guidelines. The TMDL process enlists the participation of stakeholder group and other interested parties to assist in identifying possible sources of pollution, to assign loads or "shares" of those pollutants to facilities (point sources) and landowners or land managers (nonpoint sources), and to identify the most reasonable measures that should be implemented in order for the lake to achieve surface water quality standards.

ADEQ will release a draft version of the Alamo Lake Mercury TMDL on February 6, 2006 and will accept written comments until 5:00 pm (MST) until March 9, 2006. Written comments should be sent to:

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or electronically mailed to: [stf@azdeq.gov](mailto:stf@azdeq.gov)

This TMDL may be reviewed at the following locations:

- ADEQ library (first floor) 1110 W. Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85007 (602) 771-2300
- Wickenburg Public Library, 164 E. Apache Street, Wickenburg, Arizona 85390 (928) 684-2665
- The ADEQ website (<http://www.azdeq.gov/enviro/water/assessment/status.html>) and follow the "Draft TMDL Document" link under Alamo Lake

You may also obtain a copy of the draft TMDL by contacting ADEQ's TMDL Unit (Danese Cameron) at 1-800-234-5677, ext. 771-4569 (inside Arizona only) or (602) 771-4569.

Responses to written comments received during the public comment period will be addressed and summarized in a public notice in the Arizona Administrative Register during the month of April, 2005. Depending on the number of issues and the substance of the written public comments received, ADEQ may hold public meetings as part of this public participation process.

If you have further questions about the Alamo Lake TMDL, please contact the project manager, Susan Fitch at 1-800-234-5677, ext. 771-4541 (inside Arizona only) or (602) 771-4541.